

San Francisco Jan. 4th 1868

Prof. Dr. Gray Cambridge Mass.

My dear Sir,

Yours of Dec 4th
has been duly received.

The rays of 6170 single specimen are purple. It is a curious circumstance that only one plant could be found. It grew on light sandy soil (derived from Granite) near the debris piles in Yosemite Valley. The next day I set out purposely to find some more but all my efforts proved fatal. Being so near the Bridal Veil Fall I supposed the seed might have been swept down from higher portions of the Sierras. Consequently I made close search for it when we went higher up

but all in vain, my plant remains
a single specimen. May it turn
up soon from some direction!

The plant is so fresh in my memory
that I will always know it.

4994. *Hubbia brevifolia* is
very common near the falls in Yose-
mite Valley; also on the Mainpasa
trail and especially in the Big
tree Grove. Generally on gently
rising slopes in light soil, form-
ing large tufts having 10-20
stems arising from a common
rootstock.

I am pleased to learn that the
bulbs have safely arrived.

I am anxious to see the new
vol. of Booth's *Cerices*.

In those two boxes sent a few
days ago is also a small pack-
age of Lichens for Prof. Tuckerm.
and a few Lichens for Mr. Mann.

The first memoir of our Academy is out. It is a catalogue of the maps of the Western Coast by Lesquereux. The material described therein is still in my hands as soon as I am able to work at it again, You shall have your share.

The continuation of our Survey is still doubtful. I am of the opinion that they cannot stop it now. Much fall may be expected from a legislature in California!

Our rainy season is unusually hard windy and stormy. Strained for weeks in sequence, the valleys are overflowed and great damage has been done by the rushing waters.

Yours
most sincerely
Henry W. Bolander